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In re Application of:)
MICHAEL JAMES TAYLOR ET AL.) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document is given in the attached English abstract.

To the best of Applicants' knowledge, a first Office Action has not yet been received in this application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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